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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d),(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09/423 523filed on November 10, 1999, entitled FILM FOR ACCELERATED COMPOST FERMENTATION.**NOTES**

FILING QUALIFICATIONS. The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(a), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. Effective May 29, 2000, a CPA may only be filed in a utility or a plant application if the prior nonprovisional application was filed before May 29, 2000. A CPA may be filed in a design application regardless of the filing date of the prior application. See "Requests for Continued Examination Practice Changes to and Provisional Application Practice," Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000), Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14885 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office (Apr. 11, 2000).

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EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION. The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(a) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

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